

In the Specification

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[0015] The above and other objects, which will be apparent to those skilled ~~in art,~~in the art, are achieved in the present invention which is directed to a method of tracking objects comprising causing a unique identification to be marked onto a surface of an object at a location other than that marked by the manufacturer of the object, and recording the unique identification of the object in a database. The method then further includes maintaining the database containing the unique identification and object description for access on a network by: i) an owner of the object to record information regarding theft of the object and ii) an authorized person to search for information regarding theft of the object. Typically, the object is a vehicle and the unique identification is the same identification assigned by a manufacturer of the vehicle.

Amend paragraph 0035 as follows:

[0035] In order that the motor vehicle or other object may be tracked, a unique, discrete identification should be provided for the object. This discrete identification should be a separate symbol distinguishable from the background on which it is placed, for example, an alphanumeric symbol or a logo. In the case of land vehicles and boats, manufacturers typically provide VIN and HIN identifiers, respectively, which are marked on known locations on the vehicles and are also provided to governmental authorities upon registration of the vehicle. The present invention provides for such or other unique discrete identifiers to be marked on one or more

additional, typically secret or unrevealed locations on the vehicle. Although vehicles are used in the preferred embodiment described below, it should be understood that the present invention could be broadly applied to any object ~~have~~ having a suitable surface for marking.